

New England Estuarine Research Society

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Secretary's Report
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The business meeting of the New England Estuarine Research Society was called to order at 1705 by President Larsen.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

President's Report

President Larsen thanked the local committee of Walter Berry, Mike Johns and Jim McKenna and their institutions, The Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island and the Narragansett Lab of the Environmental Protection Agency, for putting on a good show. The NEERS Program Chairman, Veronica Berounsky (also of the GSO-URI) was also thanked.

President Larsen reminded the membership that nominations for ERF officers will be coming up and to think of NEERS people to suggest for nominations.

Old Business:

President Larsen explained the proposed reorganization of ERF which will take place in 1985. After December 31, 1985, NEERS and ERF will no longer be related. ERF hopes to become stonger and more visible and have more money with which they can hire a salaried director. For the first year (1986) after this change, all society members may join as "associate" members - which is a cheaper rate without a subscription to "Estuaries". NEERS may have to make some changes in our Constitution due to these changes. There was much discussion, particularly by Gib Chase, Barb Welsh, Stubby Rankin and Kathy Smith.

Elections:

President Larsen introduced the candidates for NEERS officers. By paper ballot, Sandy Libby Macfarlane was elected President and Veronica M. Berounsky was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

At that point, Past-President Larsen congratulated the new officers and turned over the reins of NEERS to President Macfarlane. Berry Lyons turned over the pen to Secretary-Treasurer Berounsky. A show of gratitude was extended to Peter Larsen and Berry Lyons and the outgoing executive committee for their hard work and involvement over the past two years.

New Business:

The possibility of a joint meeting with the Fundy Environmental Studies Committee was discussed by Peter Larsen. We would hope to leave Portland, ME on the ferry on Thursday night, have talks Friday at a Yarmouth, Nova Scotia hotel and Saturday morning take the ferry back to Portland. A show of hands was asked for - to get an idea of how many would like to go, and it was almost unanimous.

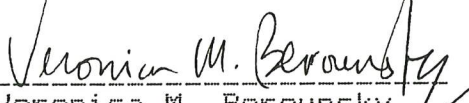
It was announced that there would be no Spring NEERS meeting, so we can muster all our support for the ERF Meeting next summer.

Ted Loder, who along with Berry Lyons, is a local chairman for the ERF '85 Meeting, announced the meeting will be held at the University of New Hampshire from July 28 to August 2. It will be an experiment being held on campus, so a good turnout of NEERS members was strongly encouraged. There will be a NEERS paper session.

President Macfarlane discussed her idea of having a NEERS photo exhibit at ERF, with pictures from throughout New England. There was agreement that this was a good idea and plans should be made.

Ted Loder moved for adjournment. It was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1813.

Respectfully submitted,


Veronica M. Berounsky
NEERS Secretary-Treasurer